## S. 1221

To provide for the enactment of comprehensive health care reform.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2007

Mr. Kerry introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Countdown to Cov-
- 5 erage Act of 2007".
- 6 SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM.
- 7 (a) In General.—If a provision of law that ensures
- 8 accessible, affordable, and meaningful health insurance for
- 9 all Americans is not enacted before the adjournment, sine
- 10 die, of the 111th Congress, as determined by Institute of
- 11 Medicine, there shall be no Government contribution

- 1 under section 8906 of title 5, United States Code, for any
- 2 Member of Congress and any Member of Congress shall
- 3 pay 100 percent of all premiums for any health benefits
- 4 plan under chapter 89 of that title.
- 5 (b) Notification.—The Institute of Medicine shall
- 6 submit timely notice to the Office of Personnel Manage-
- 7 ment, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Chief Adminis-
- 8 trative Officer of the House of Representatives of—
- 9 (1) the determination that a provision of law
- has not been enacted before the adjournment, sine
- die, of the 111th Congress, as described under sub-
- section (a); and
- 13 (2) the dates and adjustments that are required
- to take effect under this Act.
- 15 (c) Adjustments.—After receiving notice under
- 16 subsection (b), the Office of Personnel Management, the
- 17 Secretary of the Senate, and the Chief Administrative Of-
- 18 ficer of the House of Representatives shall make such ad-
- 19 justments as may be necessary on the first day of the first
- 20 applicable pay period beginning on or after the date of
- 21 that notice.
- 22 (d) Regulations.—The Office of Personnel Man-
- 23 agement may prescribe regulations to carry out this sec-
- 24 tion.